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**LT. COL. DAVE GROSSMAN PRESENTS  
SCHOOL SECURITY, MEDIA VIOLENCE, AND YOUR CHILDREN:  
LESSONS FROM LITTLETON, JONESBORO, & VIETNAM  
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## Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Quarterly Bulletin

You have probably heard United States Attorney Bud Cummins and others from the federal government talk about the post-9/11 strategy of PREVENTING a future terrorist attack. Over the past several years since September 11, 2001, the government has focused on intelligence gathering to support this prevention strategy. Congress passed the USA Patriot Act to provide important technological tools for federal agents to gather intelligence and conduct intelligence investigations, the President created the Department of Homeland Security to create an intelligence network for state and local authorities and for the protection of key infrastructure, and the FBI has engaged in substantial restructuring to make intelligence investigations within the United States a priority.

Although these changes are absolutely essential in winning the war on terrorism, a critical part of this intelligence effort remains in the hands of the state and local law enforcement officers. The vast majority of law enforcement officers are from the

state and local community and NOT from the federal ranks. Thus, any successful intelligence effort must include our state and local partners.

Here in Arkansas, the U.S. Attorney's Office has been conducting Regional Intelligence Meetings, otherwise known as "RIM's," throughout the Eastern District of Arkansas. Meetings have been held in Jonesboro, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Russellville and one is planned for West Memphis. While the RIM began with counter-terrorism in mind, the meetings have focused on all criminal activity in the various regions. State and local officers have also been given the opportunity to meet key federal law enforcement personnel to discuss specific issues of interest to their jurisdiction. It is the hope of the U.S. Attorney that the contacts made at the RIM will lead to excellent working relations among federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. **(CON'T ON PG 2)**

**ATAC BULLETIN - CON'T**

Some of the recurring issues that have surfaced during the RIM are as follows:

**SUSPICIOUS POSSIBLE TERRORIST RELATED ACTIVITIES** - Often times information is received by officers that seems suspicious but does not give rise to arrest or prosecution. Yet, your instincts tell you that something just isn't quite right. In this situation, you are urged to contact the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). You should call 501-221-9100, any time day or night, and ask to speak to a member of the JTTF. The JTTF agents will gladly respond to your situation or take any information you might have over the telephone.

By way of example, in the case of United States vs. Nasser Ahmed Ameri, it was a local police officer who provided critical information that led to the successful prosecution of an illegal immigrant from Yemen who was engaged in very serious document fraud after having stolen the software to create valid Arkansas ID's. A Little Rock Police Officer was contacted by a local Arab-American citizen who had a disturbing interaction with Ameri at a local nightclub whereby Ameri stated he was a terrorist and wanted to offer the individual an opportunity to make ID's for illegal immigrants coming across the Mexican border. This is an excellent example of how local law enforcement can provide intelligence that may lead to the prevention of harm to the United States.

**SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS RENTING STORAGE FACILITIES** - It is well documented that terrorists wishing to set off bombs use temporary storage facilities to store items and equipment to carry out their plan. In April 2004, eight individuals in England were arrested while attempting to set off a bomb inside London. In a rented storage facility, the individuals had over 1,200 pounds of ammonium nitrate. The FBI has provided guidance on what to look for in these types of cases. Behavior indicators include: Insisting on paying cash, sometimes weeks or months in advance, substantial concern about privacy, visits to the storage facility late at night or unusual times, may have discarded chemical containers in the common dumpster or trash outlet, and exhibits nervous or suspicious behavior when approached by employees of the storage facility. Storage items of concern include: Unusual liquids, or other items emanating fumes or strong odors, quantities of fuel, agricultural or industrial

equipment, explosives like blasting caps or fuses, training manuals, and large vehicles coming and going from the facility. Finally, unusual items that may be in a vehicle associated with such a suspicious individual include: Blueprints of buildings, photographs of buildings or other structures, prepaid calling cards, radios and scanners, uniforms, hotel receipts, and other financial documents.

Any concerns along these lines should be brought to the attention of the JTTF immediately.

**ENCOUNTERS WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS** - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has a 24 hour operations center called the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) to assist local law enforcement officers determine the immigration status of foreign nationals encountered. If you encounter a foreign national and the subject is unable to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States, you are urged to contact the LESC so they may help you determine if your subject is a person of interest. You can reach the LESC any time day or night by calling 802-872-6020.

**AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT** - Effective July 15, 2005, President Bush signed into law new protections against identity theft. One of the most substantial effects of this law is a mandatory minimum sentence of two years incarceration for the use of identity information to commit fraud. This two year minimum sentence is to be served consecutively to any other sentence that may arise from the underlying fraud. This new law looks to be a substantial deterrent to fighting identity theft by both the common criminal and terrorists.

**INTERNET FRAUD** - While most internet fraud is nearly impossible to prosecute, the FBI has a website for anyone who receives any type of E-mail or other solicitation for fraud via the Internet. At [www.IC3.com](http://www.IC3.com), the FBI allows citizens to register complaints about Internet fraud. The FBI tracks this fraud to help develop new means to prosecute and prevent the fraud in the future, and this is a useful site to pass along to people in your various communities who come to you seeking assistance on this very troubling issue.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE: TERRORISM QUICK REFERENCE CARD

First responding officers should be aware of suspicious factors that may indicate a possible terrorist threat. These factors should be considered collectively in assessing a possible threat. This quick reference guide is intended to provide practical information for line officers but may not encompass every threat or circumstance. State and local law enforcement may contact the FBI (501-221-9100) for additional assistance. To obtain a supply of these cards in 8 1/2 X 5 1/2, contact Mike Mitchell at the FBI, 501-221-9100.

### SUSPICIOUS FACTORS TO CONSIDER

#### 1) Possible Suicide Bomber Indicators - A.L.E.R.T.

- A. Alone and nervous
- B. Loose and/or bulky clothing (may not fit weather conditions)
- C. Exposed wires (possibly through sleeve)
- D. Rigid mid-section (explosive device or may be carrying a rifle)
- E. Tightened hands (may hold detonation device)

#### 2. Passport History

- A. Recent travel overseas to countries that sponsor terrorism
- B. Multiple passports with different countries/names (caution: suspect may have dual citizenship)
- C. Altered passport numbers or photo substitutions; pages have been removed

#### 3) Other Identification - Suspicious Characteristics

- A. No current or fixed address; fraudulent/altered: Social Security cards, visas, licenses, etc.; multiple ID's with names spelled differently.
- B. International drivers ID:
  - 1. There are no international or US *drivers' licenses* – they are called *permits*.
  - 2. Official international *drivers' permits* are valid for one year from entry into the U.S., they are paper-gray in color, not laminated, and are only valid for foreign nationals to operate in the U.S.

#### 4) Employment/School/Training

- A. No obvious signs of employment
- B. Possess student visa but not English proficient
- C. An indication of military type training in weapons or self-defense

#### 5) Unusual items in vehicles/residences

- A. Training manuals; flight, scuba explosive, military, or extremist literature
- B. Blueprints (subject may have no affiliation to architecture)
- C. Photographs/diagrams of specific high profile targets or infrastructures; to include entrances/exits of buildings, bridges, power/water plants, routes, security cameras, subway/sewer, and underground systems
- D. Photos/pictures of known terrorists
- E. Numerous prepaid calling cards and/or cell phones
- F. Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) unit
- G. Multiple hotel receipts
- H. Financial records indicating overseas wire transfers
- I. Rental vehicles (cash transactions on receipts; living locally but renting)

#### 6) Potential Props

- A. Baby stroller or shopping cart
- B. Suspicious bag/backpack, golf bag
- C. Bulky vest or belt

#### 7) Hotel/motel visits

- A. Unusual requests, such as:
  - 1. Refusal of maid service
  - 2. Asking for a specific view of bridges, airports, military/government installation (for observations purposes)
  - 3. Electronic surveillance equipment in room
- B. Suspicious or unusual items left behind
- C. Use of lobby or other pay phone instead of room phone

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**TERRORISM QUICK REFERENCE - con't****8) Recruitment Techniques**

**CAUTION: The following factors, which may constitute activity protected by the United States Constitution, should only be considered in the context of other suspicious activity and not be the sole basis of law enforcement action.**

- A. Public demonstrations and rallies
- B. Information about new groups forming
- C. Posters, fliers, and underground publications

**9) Thefts, Purchases, or Discovery of:**

- A. Weapons/explosive materials
- B. Camera/surveillance equipment
- C. Vehicles (to include rentals - fraudulent name; or failure to return vehicle)
- D. Radios: short-wave, two-way and scanners
- E. Identity documents (State IDs, passports etc.)
- F. Unauthorized uniforms

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**HOMELAND SECURITY  
PREPAREDNESS TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATALOG**

This catalog lists TA services that are presently available as well as those currently under development. It conveys key programmatic information in a concise, user-friendly format so that state and local jurisdictions can rapidly locate services that meet their individual CBRNE terrorism prevention, response, and recovery needs. (ODP)

Access full text at:  
[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ODP\\_TA\\_Catalog.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/ODP_TA_Catalog.pdf)

**NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM (NIMS)**

DHS has developed a comprehensive nationwide framework for incident management that will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively to manage incidents regardless of the size, cause, or complexity. The NIMS will be managed and maintained by the NIMS Integration Center. (ODP)

For more information, visit:  
[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/whatsnew/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/whatsnew/whats_new.htm)

**“FLY THE BLUE”  
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK  
May 15-21, 2005**

Enclosed is your blue ribbon for National Police Week, 2005. You are encouraged to “fly the blue” on your cruiser antenna during the week of May 15-21, 2005. This is done nationwide to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and as a show of support to law enforcement officers working the streets. Put the blue ribbons on personal vehicle antennas as well as cruisers. Of course law enforcement supports law enforcement, but when the ribbon is on your personal vehicle, people will see you, as civilians, supporting law enforcement.

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) provides these blue ribbons to law enforcement agencies every year at no cost. If you need further information about COPS or about National Police Week, you may contact them at 1-800-784-COPS or email to [cops@nationalcops.org](mailto:cops@nationalcops.org).

**WEED & SEED SIGNS OF PROGRESS:  
NORTH PINE BLUFF GETS A FACE-LIFT**

*By Ray King, Pine Bluff Commercial*

What was formerly called “the most neglected area” of Pine Bluff is now getting a face-lift.

Rev. Jesse Turner, Pine Bluff Weed and Seed Coordinator, said that good things are happening on the north side of the city. Weed and Seed is a cooperative effort of the U.S. Justice Department, local and state authorities, and residents of a selected area, to reduce crime-related problems and improve the quality of life in the area.

“A component of the program is neighborhood restoration and that’s what we’re working toward, but first the area had to be stabilized,” Turner said. “We had to get the crime out, and, once you do that, businesses are going to feel more comfortable coming into an area where they won’t feel like they will be broken into all the time,” he said.

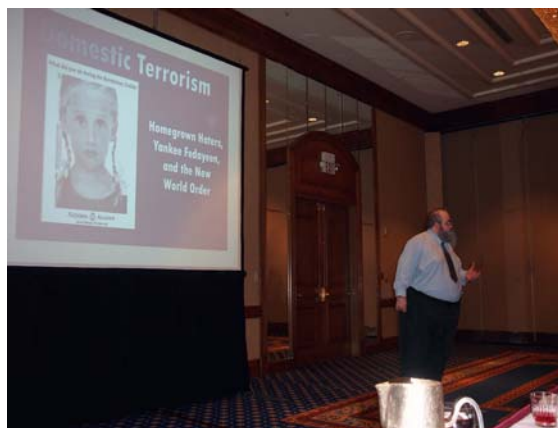
Turner said according to crime reports, burglaries in the area were down 53% during September, October and November in 2004, as compared to the year before.

“That says to businesses it’s OK to come to the north side,” he said. **(CONTINUED ON PG. 7)**

## RECENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Domestic Terrorism Conference**, January 20, 2005, Hilton Memphis, Memphis, TN - This conference was co-sponsored by the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Councils and U.S. Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Arkansas, the Western District of Tennessee, and the Northern District of Mississippi. A great day of training was provided by the Anti-Defamation League on such topics as: Domestic Terrorism Overview, The Advancement of Technology & the Rise of the Internet, The Main Event: Maintaining Order at Extremist Rallies, Marches & Protests, and The Rise of the Left Wing and Single Issue Groups. Approximately 150 people attended this event which received excellent reviews, particularly Mark Pitcavage's presentation on the Domestic Terrorism Overview.

Thank you to all who participated!

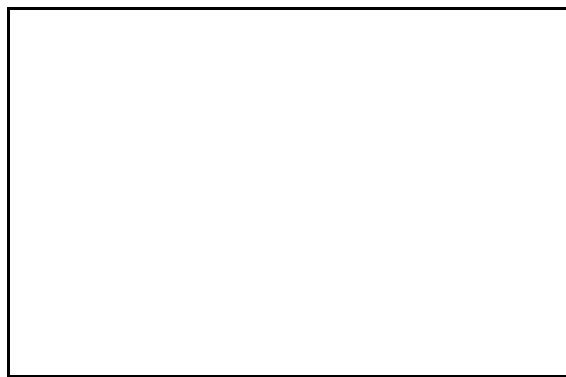


*Mark Pitcavage was very entertaining in his delivery*



*Oren Segal presented information on the Rise of the Left Wing and Single Issue Groups*

**February 10-11, 2005 - Communication Excellence for Law Enforcement & Advanced Verbal Skills, Jacksonville** - Dr. Brian Polansky of Little Rock taught this excellent 2-day course to 60 enthusiastic officers. The course focuses on learning valuable communication skills that will help you succeed in your career and in life. Dr. Polansky is an engaging and entertaining speaker who received excellent reviews once again. We were honored to be the first group to see Dr. Polansky's new book, "Communication Excellence," which was just published. You too, can "buy the book" for \$19.95 at [www.brianpolansky.com](http://www.brianpolansky.com).



*Attendees participate in Polansky's version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"*



*Polansky signs a book for an eager participant*

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## **NEW STATE LAW REGARDING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE/EPHEDRINE**

On February 22, 2005, Act 256, an Act to control the distribution of certain precursor ingredients utilized to manufacture methamphetamine, was signed into law. This act was entitled to control the distribution of certain precursor ingredients utilized to manufacture methamphetamine; to classify ephedrine combination products, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine as Schedule V Controlled Substances; to create offenses regarding the sale and purchase of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

This Act designates ephedrine combination products, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine as Schedule V Controlled Substances. However certain forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are exempted from the Class V Schedule such as ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in liquid, liquid capsule, or liquid gel capsule form.

Act 256 states "it shall be unlawful for any person, other than a person or entity described in 5-64-1101(a)(3) and (a)(4), to knowingly dispense, sell, transfer or otherwise furnish in a single transaction products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine except in a licensed pharmacy by a licensed pharmacist or a registered pharmacy technician. In addition, Act 256 requires the person purchasing, receiving or otherwise acquiring ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or

phenylpropanolamine shall be required to produce current and valid proof of identity and sign a written or electronic log or receipt that documents the date of the transaction, the name of the person, and the quantity of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine purchased, received, or otherwise acquired.

It should be noted that the Arkansas Department of Health has the authority to exempt from the Class V schedule other products that cannot be converted into methamphetamine and also can schedule as Class V substances a product in liquid, liquid capsule or liquid gel form if it is determined that the active ingredient can be converted into methamphetamine or its salts or isomers.

These comments are merely a summary of the pertinent portions of Act 256. For complete details of Act 256, you should review the entire act which is available at:

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us./ftp/act/2005/public/act256.pdf>.

This Act 256 is very similar to the Oklahoma law, which also makes ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine a Schedule V Controlled Substance. Act 256 will become effective on and after March 24, 2005.

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## **LRPD GETS BIG MONEY FROM CASH SEIZURE**

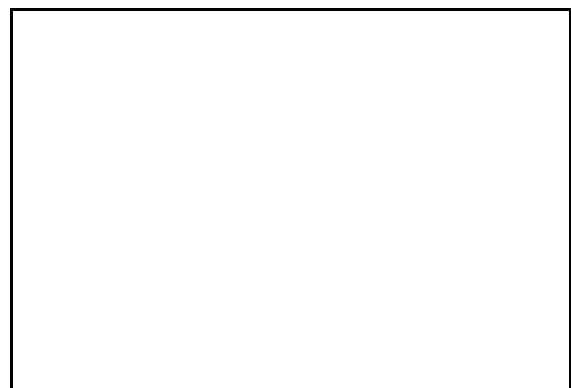
Sometimes crime does pay—for the law enforcement agencies who arrest and prosecute the offenders.

Recently the Little Rock Police Department was the recipient of a check for \$19,878.18, which was the result of a cash seizure on the case of United States v. Gary Godley, et al.

These funds must be used for law enforcement purposes, as with all equitable sharing funds, and the Little Rock Police Department will definitely benefit from receiving this money.

Many thanks and kudos to Little Rock Police Detective Mark Stafford for his tireless work on this case. Also contributing to the success of the case was Special Agent Steve Crutchfield and Supervisory Special Agent Janice Fields, FBI.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Duke. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



*Capt. Mike Sylvester, LRPD, AUSA Jane Duke, Chief Carlos Corbin, LRPD, U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins, Officer Mark Stafford, LRPD, Steve Crutchfield and Janice Fields, FBI*

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**UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS****April 6, 2005 - LT. COL. DAVE GROSSMAN RETURNS TO THE DISTRICT! -**

For one day only, the U.S. Attorney's Office and Project Safe Neighborhoods will co-host an event designed to bring school administrators and personnel together with law enforcement. Lt. Col. Dave Grossman will present a lecture on the dangers of violence in the media, movies, video games, and more, and also on school safety. This conference will be held in Little Rock at the Holiday Inn Select. Registration information has already been sent out to you. Pre-registration and payment of registration fee (\$20) is required. If you have not seen Lt. Col. Grossman speak before, you are in for a real treat! We encourage you to bring school administrators or school security personnel or parents from your jurisdiction with you. If you need more information on this event, please contact Mandy Warford, LECC Coordinator, at 501-340-2648.

**June 29-30, 2005 - Annual Statewide LECC Conference, HOT SPRINGS-** The LECCs of Arkansas will combine efforts for a statewide conference at the Clarion Resort on the Lake once again this summer. We will offer a couple of different topics this time, the first day of the conference will focus on Cybercrime and how it has changed the face of crime and investigations. In addition, some basic resources and "how to's" on handling computer/Internet type crimes will be discussed. We are pleased to have David Lewis, RISS Program Manager from Washington, DC, formerly of Cranberry Township, PA Police Department, to present this timely information. On day two of the conference, Dr. Jack Enter will be here to motivate you and entertain you, and to teach you about being a leader. We are certain that you will enjoy his presentation. We look forward to seeing everyone at this event! Registration information will be sent out sometime in May.

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**WEED & SEED - CON'T**

The recent opening of a grocery store, a Subway sandwich shop and the reconstruction of a branch of Simmons First National Bank on University Drive are just some of the improvements in the area, Turner said.

"When you consider that not only college students but elderly people had to spend about 15 minutes going to a grocery store and another 15 minutes getting back, plus the time the spent shopping, the new Thomas Grocery will make a big difference," he said.

In addition to new businesses, Turner said the area is seeing more new home construction, and several churches have new buildings.

"Mt. Pleasant AME Church was actually the birthplace of the Weed and Seed Program, and they're dedicating their new building this weekend," Turner said. A new sidewalk that runs from the main campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff to Golden Lion Stadium has also improved the area, Turner said.

Long-term goals include continuing to seek funding to resurface University Drive from the Martha Mitchell Expressway to the stadium.

"I'm really excited about that happening," he said. "Congressman (Mike) Ross and Senators (Blanche) Lincoln and Mark Pryor are working on that in the federal highway spending bill."

Turner said he was also working to try and bring additional businesses to the area near the university.

"I've sent a letter to Magic Johnson (a former player in the National Basketball Association), who owns Starbucks coffee houses and movie theaters, and asked him to consider putting a Starbucks or a movie theater in the area," he said.

He said he had not received a reply from Johnson yet on the request.

"I'm hopeful one day you'll see shops and clothiers and restaurants all along University Drive, not only for the college students to use, but that are used by all our citizens, Turner said.



**U.S. ATTORNEY SHARES INFO WITH 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

*By Karen Holmes, U.S. Attorney's Office*

March 17, 2005 was much more than St. Patrick's Day for Candy Holmes' 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Calvary Academy. It was a morning of attending a special court session with the Honorable John Forster. This memorable event was arranged by the U. S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Arkansas, Bud Cummins at the request of one of his employees, Karen Holmes, who is the mother of one of the students.

The students were instructed by United States Marshal Ray Carnahan in the duties of the U. S. Marshal's office. They learned how the Marshals transport the prisoners to and from the courtroom and how they are responsible for protecting the Judge and jury. The boys in the class were especially impressed with Marshal Carnahan's badge and weapon. Marshal Carnahan answered questions from the students and was very personable.

Mr. Cummins explained about his position and responsibilities as the U. S. Attorney. He talked about the prosecutors' duties to the United States and to the people of the United States. He told how his office wants to keep the people who do bad things from continuing to do them by having them put in jail. Mr. Cummins also told them that even though his office knows that a person is guilty, the Constitution requires that the case must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt before anyone goes to jail.. Mr. Cummins answered quite a few questions

from very inquisitive 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Judge Forster was simply outstanding! He demonstrated how the court proceedings work and what would happen if someone gets unruly in his courtroom. He answered questions and he even asked some. Judge Forster praised Mr. Cummins as a former employee of the Court.

Mr. Bud Cummins went above and beyond to make this a wonderful time of learning and an unforgettable experience for some very impressionable 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the adults as well.



*Judge John Forster and Ms. Holmes' 4<sup>th</sup> grade class*

National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15

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Prosecutors!**

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### **EQUITABLE SHARING TOTALS**

The following are Equitable Sharing totals for the final quarter of 2000:

Little Rock Police Dept.	\$8,533.43
North Little Rock Police Dept.	1,388.93
South Central Drug Task Force	1,461.36
Arkansas State Police	730.68

**Total amount shared:  
\$12,114.40**

**WAY TO GO!!**